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SUBJECT: EC DELEGATION TO WORLD CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S
YEAR (WCIWY)

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1. THE MISSION HEREWITH SUBMITS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
FOR THE THREE OFFICIAL DELEGATES WHO WILL REPRESENT THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AT THE SUBJECT CONFERENCE AND FOR EC
OFFICIAL EDWIN FITZGIBBON WHO WILL ATTEND AS AN OBSERVER:
HEAD OF DELEGATION: DR. PATRICK JOHN HILLERY. EC
COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMUNITY
SOCIAL AFFAIRS. BORN COUNTY CLARE IRELAND,
MAY 2, 1923. VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY SINCE IRELAND'S ENTRY IN JANUARY 1973.
FOREIGN MINISTER OF IRELAND 1969-1972. LABOR MINISTER 1966-1969;
MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE 1965-1966; MINISTER FOR EDU-
CATION 1959-1965.
MEMBER OF THE DAIL 1951-1972, REPRESENTING THE FIANNA FAIL PARTY.
HILLERY IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF DUBLIN.

DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION: ENRICA CARESE, 40-YEAR-OLD MEMBER OF
DR. HILLERY'S CABINET.

VARESE HAS WORKED IN THE EC CABINET FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS SINCE
1961. BORN AND EDUCATED IN TURIN, ITALY, SHE IS A SOCIOLOGIST
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BY PROFESSION AND A MEMBER OF THE ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY.

VARESE IS HIGHLY REGARDED IN COMMUNITY SOCIAL AFFAIRS CIRCLES AND HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY INVOLVED WITH WOMEN'S AFFAIRS.

DELEGATE: JACQUELINE NONON. PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE EC DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS. SHE HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DIRECTORATE'S WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS. NONON IS FRENCH, 47 YEARS OLD AND HAS BEEN WITH THE EC COMMISSION SINCE 1959. PREVIOUSLY SHE WORKED IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY IN FRANCE.

OBSERVER: EDWIN FITZGIBBON. CHEF DE CABINET TO HILLERY SINCE JANUARY 1973. FITZGIBBON IS A FORMER CAREER OFFICER IN THE IRISH FOREIGN SERVICE (AS WELL AS A ONETIME PROFESSIONAL OPERA SINGER IN DUBLIN). FROM 1969 TO 1973 HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE IRISH REPRESENTATION TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES IN BRUSSELS. AS HILLERY'S CHEF DE CABINET, FITZGIBBON PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EC SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM WHICH CONTAINS PROVISIONS FOR ABOLISHING JOB DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, VOCATIONAL TRAINING, PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

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